

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

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Subject: **Referral to Superfund: Ector Drum**
2604 N Marco Ave Odessa, TX 79762
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On July 25, 2014, Investigators Ralph Johnson and Trent Martin traveled to Ector Drum for a complaint investigation alleging the potential for run-off of chemicals impacting the surrounding areas. It was discovered that the site has been abandoned for approximately two years and noted numerous 350 gallon Tote-containers and 55 gallon drums that appeared to contain hydrocarbon based oil well treating chemical and waste lube oil stored on-site. Some of them were open and leaking onto the ground. The ground at the facility was also impacted with these chemicals with large patches of stained soil and some areas with standing liquid and the site's water well that is on site shows signs that oily wastes may have gotten into it (see attached photos). From this investigation an Enforcement Action Request was prepared and has been submitted to the Enforcement Division.

Due to the amount of impacted area and the concerns that the City of Odessa, TX had concerning the site, SWS Environmental was contracted thru the Critical infrastructure Division to conduct a limited emergency removal. SWS Environmental was on site from August 26 to August 28. When SWS Environmental finished they had recovered approximately 20,000 gallons of oily wastes from a secondary containment structure for waste storage tanks, all open drums, and any pooled liquid on the ground.

The site is still a concern due to the potential impact it can have to the surrounding area, with fires being a concern. At this time, EPA has shown interest in taking the remediation project.